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1. I DELIVERED TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF JULY 12
TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO JULY 14.

2. AFTER READING THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER, WHICH WAS A REPLY
TO SUHARTO'S LETTER DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT NIXON BY
GENERAL HASNAN HABIB MAY 15 IN WHICH SUHARTO EXPRESSED THE
HOPE THAT AT LEAST ONE DESTROYER ESCORT MIGHT BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO INDONESIA IN THE COMING YEAR, SUHARTO EXPRESSED
HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

3. SUHARTO SAID THE INDONESIAN NAVY NOW HAS BUT FOUR
FRIGATES, OF ITALIAN ORIGIN IN VERY BAD SHAPE AND VERY
EXPENSIVE TO MAINTAIN. THESE CANNOT BE USED MUCH LONGER.
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR INDONESIA TO PLAY ANY KIND OF
ROLE IN NAVAL EXERCISES WITH ITS NEIGHBO
Q IN THE CONTEXT
OF REGIONAL COOPERATION UNLESS IT CAN FIND SOME REPLACE-
MENT FOR THESE FRIGATES.

4. SUHARTO SAID THAT THE DE RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE
INDONESIAN NAVY IS THE BEST NAVY SHIP THEY HAVE ANDRQ IS
ANXIOUS TO HAVE MORE. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THAT THIS

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KIND OF VESSEL WOULD HAVE FOR INDONESIA IN THE REGIONAL

CONTEXT IN THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. HE WAS PLEASED AT THE
PROSPECT OF GETTING AN ADDITIONAL DE EARLY NEXT YEAR AND
STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THIS WOULD HAVE FOR THE MORALE OF
THE INDONESIAN NAVY.
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